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SUBJECT: EXBS: ROMANIA & BULGARIA MONTHLY REPORTING CABLE -
JUNE 2005

[I](#). BROAD ITEMS OF INTEREST TO ADVISORS AND AGENCY MANAGERS

No points of interest on which to report this period.

II. COMPLETED ACTIONS FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD - ROMANIA

SUMMARY:

-- June 9 Advisor and Staff Assistant met with Nelu Pop, Frontier Police Inspector General, for the formal donation of EXBS provided equipment made over the past several months. At the conclusion, an additional 30 Radiation Detection Pagers were donated to the Frontier Police.

-- June 16 Advisor met with Vasile Soiman, Customs Chief, Bacau Inland Clearing Station, as a follow-up to the May 13, 2005, EXBS review. There have been no improvements to the facility's NBC detection capabilities. In addition, Bacau has no x-ray systems for international airport, cargo, and mail operations. This issue will be discussed with the National Customs Authority. (NFM)

-- June 20 - 24 DTRA conducted a "Crime Scene Management" course that was presented to law enforcement organizations responsible for responding to NBC incidents.

-- June 24 Advisor met with John Conlon, DOS, to discuss the outcome of the Black Sea Border Security Initiative (BSBSI) Tabletop exercise held in Bucharest June 22 - 24, 2005.

-- June 26 - July 1 EXBS team (Advisor and Staff Assistant) traveled to Bulgaria to meet with Embassy officials at Sofia and Bulgarian Government contacts at Kapitan Andreevo and Balchik.

-- July 1 Advisor met with Richard Meehan, DOE NNSA, and his team to discuss the outcome of the Search and Secure Training held in Bucharest June 27 - July 1.

[A](#). SITE ASSESSMENTS AND MEETINGS DURING REPORTING PERIOD

[1](#). June 9 Advisor and Staff Assistant met with Nelu Pop, Frontier Police Inspector General, for the formal donation of EXBS provided equipment made for the past several months. Frontier Police requested this so that signatures could be witnessed by a notary public.

[2](#). June 24 Advisor met with John Conlon, DOS, to discuss the outcome of the BSBSI Tabletop exercise. This exercise was hosted by Romania and included Bulgaria, Moldova, Georgia and Ukraine. There is concern that some of the participants are not fully involved in the exercise giving mixed results. When the next BSBSI Tabletop is scheduled John Conlon requests that the EXBS Advisors from the participating countries solicit their cooperation.

[B](#). TRAINING CONDUCTED DURING REPORTING PERIOD

[1](#). June 20 - 24 DTRA conducted "Crime Scene Management" course to members of the NBC Unit within the General Directorate for Combating Organized Crime and Anti-Drug; Frontier Police; Intelligence Service; Police Academy; and Protection Service. This is a companion course to the "Crime Scene Operations" course presented in March 2005.

[2](#). June 27 - July 1 DOE NNSA conducted "Search and Secure Training" held in Bucharest. Attendees came from Albania, Georgia, Moldova, and Romania. The training focused on familiarizing the attendees with an overall orphan source search program to include practical field exercises.

[C](#). EQUIPMENT DELIVERED DURING REPORTING PERIOD

[1](#). June 9 Donation of 30 radiation detection pagers to the Frontier Police.

[D](#). IMMINENT TRAINING OR EQUIPMENT STATUS UPDATE

1. July 18 - 22 Seaport IBIT for Customs and Frontier Police to be held in Charleston, SC.

2. Aug 1 - 5 RoBIT conducted by Frontier Police in Timisoara. (Tentatively scheduled)

E. PORTAL MONITOR ALERTS

1. No significant alerts occurred during this reporting period and, as noted in past cables, a listing of those alerts can be supplied by advisor if desired.

III. RED FLAG ISSUES - None to report.

SUMMARY - BULGARIA:

-- June 17 A new point of entry in Lesovo was opened at the Bulgarian/Turkish border. EXBS support: the Sofia mobile x-ray van was used to support the Customs entry process. One CTKit (Customs) and two radiation pagers (Border Police) were transferred there to support the officers. (NFM)

-- June 20 - 22 Staff Assistant attended the Southeastern Europe Seminar towards NATO and EU Accession: Effective Export Control Legislation - Lessons Learned.

-- June 26 - July 1 EXBS team (Advisor and Staff Assistants from Bulgaria and Romania) met with Embassy officials at Sofia and Bulgarian Government contacts at Kapitan Andreevo and Balchik.

A. SITE ASSESSMENTS AND MEETINGS DURING REPORTING PERIOD

1. June 20 - 24 Bulgaria hosted the "Southeastern Europe Seminar towards NATO and EU Accession: Effective Export Control Legislation - Lessons Learned." This seminar built on the 2002 regional seminar aimed at contributing to the process of harmonization of the export control legislation and strengthening the mechanisms for its implementation. Albania, Bulgaria; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Croatia; Macedonia; Moldova; Romania; and Serbia and Montenegro participated.

2. June 26 - July 1 EXBS team (Advisor and Staff Assistants from Bulgaria and Romania) traveled to Kapitan Andreevo to review the port operation and discuss the portal monitor operation and location. Currently, the portal monitor at is still giving false alarms. In addition, the vehicles queues at the exit point continue to disrupt the portal monitor operation. TTFSE Advisor Ivan Taborsky is attempting to improve the exit queuing but the placement of the portal monitor interferes with these changes. The DOE after action report from their May 2005 site visit recommends that the portal monitor be moved to a new location within the port. By a separate action requests have been made to DOE to accelerate this process.

--EXBS also visited the Customs Canine Training Center at Balchik to observe their training procedures in preparation for the Bulgarian Customs exchange in Sep 2005. As a result of this visit the director of the training center is being included in the group participating in the Customs exchange so that he can observe the U.S. Canines program in training and in action.

B. TRAINING CONDUCTED DURING REPORTING PERIOD

1. No training conducted during reporting period.

C. EQUIPMENT DELIVERED DURING REPORTING PERIOD

1. June 26 One CTKit donated to Customs and Kapitan Andreevo.

D. IMMINENT TRAINING OR EQUIPMENT STATUS UPDATE

1. Aug 8 - 12 DTRA Cyber Crimes Training.

E. PORTAL MONITOR ALERTS

1. Follow-up to May cable. On May 3 Border Police reported that the portal monitor at Ruse detected radioactive material in a load of scrap material. Open source information from the Nuclear Regulatory Agency reports that the radiation source was a piece of metal used in mining. It was contaminated with uranium related natural radionuclides. The detained ionizing source was not hazardous. At a distance of 10cm the dose rate measured 6.2 milli Sv/h.

III. RED FLAG ISSUES - None to report.

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